

A "clean" version (i.e., without markings to show changes) of these claims is set forth hereinbelow.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 14-28 and 31-37 are pending in the present application, with claims 1 and 18 being independent. Claims 1-3, 10, 14, 19-21, 28, 31, 32, 35 and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by United States patent no. 5, 898,430 to Matsuzawa, et al., entitled *Scenario Editor for Multimedia Data and Scenario Reproducing Apparatus*. Claims 4-9, 15-17, 22-27, 33-34 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsuzawa, et al. in view of United States patent no. 5,811,926 to Novich.

By the present amendment, independent claims 1 and 18 have been amended to more precisely reflect the present invention. Reconsideration and reexamination of the present application is requested in view of the foregoing amendment and in view of the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. 102(e) Rejections

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 1-3, 10, 14, 19-21, 28, 31, 32, 35 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) has been overcome by the amendment and the remarks herein. Specifically, Matsuzawa, et al. fail to teach a system or method in which the pictorial representations are cast in two media, one of which is formed so as to accommodate the other. Applicant submits that this difference renders the subject patent application patentably distinct from the cited and applied prior art references.

35 U.S.C. 103(a) Rejections

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claims 4-9, 15-17, 22-27, 33-34 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) has been overcome by the amendment and the remarks herein. In particular, as independent claims 1 and 18 have been demonstrated to be patentable in view of the prior art, applicant respectfully submits that the claims depending therefrom are likewise patentable.

Clean version of amended claims:

1. An apparatus for providing a pictorial representation, comprising at least one static presentation region for providing at least a first, unchanging rendering and at least one dynamic presentation region adjacent said at least one static presentation region, said dynamic presentation region providing at least a first series of changing renderings; said static presentation region being cast in a first medium and having a plurality of openings formed therein, said openings accommodating the dynamic presentation medium which is cast in a second medium.

18. A method of generating a pictorial representation comprising the steps of: providing a first region having a static presentation, and providing at least one adjacent region displaying a dynamic presentation; said static presentation region being cast in a first medium and having a plurality of openings formed therein, said openings accommodating the dynamic presentation medium which is cast in a second medium.

CONCLUSION

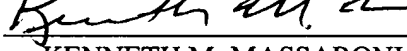
The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2001. Based on the amendments and remarks set forth herein, Applicant respectfully submits that the subject patent application is in condition for allowance. Because the claims may include additional elements that are not taught or suggested by the cited art, the preceding arguments in favor of patentability are advanced without prejudice to other bases of patentability.

Should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions that would place the subject patent application in better condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned agent at the below-listed number.

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